GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
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CONSTRUCTION OF ROBS AND RUBS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/criteria for construction of Railway Overbridges (ROBs) and Railway Underbridges (RUBs);

(b) the number of ROBs/RUBs constructed during the each of last three years;

(c) whether a number of ROBs/RUBs have not been constructed at several places despite fulfilling the prescribed norms in this regard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 BY SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD AND SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2005 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF ROBs` AND RUBs`.

(a): The Railway takes up construction of Road Over/ Under Bridges (ROBs/RUBs) in lieu of busy level crossings on cost sharing basis with concerned State Government/ Road Authorities where the traffic density at the level crossing is more than 1 lakh Train Vehicle Units (TVUs), otherwise on deposit terms. In both the cases proposals have to be sponsored by concerned State Government/ Road Authorities duly fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites. State Government/ Road Authorities are required to submit the following main undertakings along with the proposal:

(i) The level crossing will be closed by State Government/ Road Authorities on commissioning of ROB/RUB.

(ii) The State Government /Road Authorities will contribute their share of cost for work

(iii) The advance action shall be taken by State Government/Road Authoritie to acquire land for approaches where ever required

(iv) The State Government /Road Authorities will give due priority for the work in its Annual Plan etc.

The total cost of work is shared on 50:50 basis between Railway and State Government/Road Authorities. However, the cost of acquisition of any land and structures thereon required for approaches or diversions is to be borne by State Government/ Road Authorities sponsoring the proposal.

(b): The number of Road Over/Under Bridges constructed during last three years are as under:

Year	No. of ROBs/RUBs
2002-03	17
2003-04	20

(c) to (e): Out of the works sanctioned on cost sharing basis with various State Governments/ Road Authorities based on their proposals and fulfillment of norms as indicated in para (a) above, the execution of some of works is progressing slowly due to following main reasons:

Delay in finalisation of approach alignment, acquisition of land and removal of encroachments falling in the approaches by State Government/ Road Authorities.

Delay in finalization of General Arrangement Drawings, preparation of estimates for approaches and sanction of same by State Government/ Road Authorities.

Constraints of fund and non-inclusion of works in their Annual Plan by the State Governments.

The State Government / Road Authorities are regularly pursued through meetings and dialogues for expediting the works.